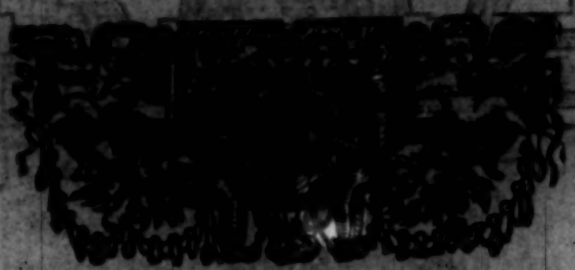
The renewing of certaine Orders deuised by the speciall commandement of the Queenes Maiestie, for the reliefe and stay of the present dearth of Graine within the Realme: in the yeere of our Lord 1586.

Nowe to bee againe executed this present yere 1594. vpon like occasions as were seene the former yere. With an addition of some other particular orders for Reformation of the great abuses in Ale-houses and such like.



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That the Iuſtices ſhall diuide themſelues into ſundry partes to execute theſe orders.

THat the Shiriffe and Iuſtices of the Peace ſhal immediately vpon the receipt of theſe orders, aſſemble themſelues together w̄ as much ſpeede as they poſſible may: And hauing conferred amōgſt themſelues vpon the contents hereof, ſhall firſt for the better execution of the ſame, diuide themſelues into ſundry companies, and take amongeſt them into their charge by ſeuerall diuiſions all the Hundreds, Rapes, or Wapentakes of the ſaid Countie.

To appoint ſundry Iuries to inquire of things hereafter following.

Item, euery companie ſo allotted out, ſhall forthwith direct their Precepts vnto the Shiriffe to warne the high Conſtables, vnder Conſtables, and other the moſt honeſt and ſubſtantiall inhabitantes within the ſame Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake, to the number of xxvi. perſons, moe or fewer, as the quantitie of the

Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake shal require, to appeare before them at a certaine place, and within as short time after the receipt hereof as they conueniently may, & vpon the apparance of the sayde persons, they shall diuide them into so many Juries, as they shall thinke meete, giuing instruction to the said Shiriffe to returne as fewe of such as be knowen great Farmours for Corne, or that haue store of graine to sell, as he can. And such of the persons so warned as shall not appeare, but make default being sommoned, and not hauing any iust or reasonable excuse alowable by the Justices, to be punished therefore at the good discretions of the Justices, both by Imprisonment and Fine, before whom they are to appeare.

Item, they shall first declare to the parties appearing, the cause why they are sent for, and therewith earnestly charge them in the feare of God, to apply themselues to the seruice whereunto they shall be now called, with al duetifulnesse and diligence, and without any partialitie to any person, and then they shall giue them the othe following.

The Iuries Othe.

The Othe of the Jurors, with charge to enquire what number of persons be in the houses of them that haue store of Corne.

YOu shall sweare &c. that you shall enquire, and make true and due search and triall, what number of persons euery houlholder that hath Corne in their Barnes, Stackes or other where, as well Justices of the Peace as others whatsoeuer, within the Parish of haue in their houses feeding, lying, and vprising, or otherwise to bee fed:

ked: what number of Acres they haue certainely to bee sowen this yeere with any manner of Graine: what bargaines they haue made with any person for any kinde of Graine to bee solde, by, or to them: to whome and by whom, and vpon what prices they haue made the same, and what quantitie of any manner of Graine, they, or any other haue in their Barnes, Grainers, Lofts, Cellors, or Floores, or otherwise to be deliuered vnto them vpon any Bargaine.

For Badgers, Bioggers, and Carriers of Corne.

Item, what number of Badgers, Kidders, Bioggers or Carriers of Corne inhabite within the sayde Parish, and whither they doe vse to carie their Corne which they doe buy, & where they doe vsually buy the same, and what their names bee, and howe long they haue vsed that trade, and by whose Licence, and to see the same Licences of what tenor they are of.

Maulte makers, Bakers, and Brewers.

Item, what number of Maulte makers, Bakers, common Brewers or Tiplers dwel within the sayde Parish, and who they are by name, and howe long they haue vsed that trade, and howe much they bake or brewe in the weeke, and what other trade they haue whereby otherwise to liue.

Buyers of Corne to sell againe.

Item, who within the sayde Parish bee the great buyers of Corne, or doe vse to buy, or haue bought any Corne or Graine to sell againe, or haue solde it againe since Midsommer last.

Buyers of Corne vpon the ground.

Item, who within the same Parish buyeth or haue bought or solde any Graine vpon the grounde, of whome, and to whome hath the same bene bought or solde, and at what price, and to certifie vnto vs of the Premisses, and of

euery part thereof, on the day of now next comming: And to euery part of these Articles you shall bring answere from point to point.

Against such as shall refuse, to declare the trueth of the matters inquirable.

And if any shall refuse to declare the trueth, of, or, concerning the premisses, or of any part thereof, to any the Iurours aforesayde, requiring the same for their better information: the Iurours shall bee informed that such person vpon the information of the sayd Iurour, shall bee conuented before the Iustices of the Peace of the sayde Diuision, or any two of them, and sharply rebuked, or if neede be, punished for his contempt. And if the partie so called in question, shall not declare the full trueth thereof to the sayde Iustices, he shall be committed by the said Iustices to the common Gaile as a person bound for his good behauiour, and so to be continued without Baile, vntill he shall conforme himself therein, or otherwise at the discretions of the said Iustices, he shall be bound in a good summe of money to make appearance before the Lords of her Maiesties priuie Counsell to answere vnto his contempt in that behalfe, for further punishment and fine, for ensample of al such disobedient persons.

Parties offending to appeare before the Counsaile.

A consideration of all persons that haue Corne, to determine howe they shall serue the markets with such portions as they may spare.

That the saide Iustices of the Peace hauing receiued into their hands the verdict of the said Iuries answering to euery poynt of their charge, shall call at certayne dayes by them to bee assigned, such persons before them of euery Parish, as vpon the presentment so made shall appeare to haue Corne to spare, and vpon due consideration of the number of persons,

which euery person hath in his house, according to their qualities, and of the quantitie of Graine, that the partie hath towarde the finding of the same, or otherwise to be spent in his house and sowing of his groundes, allowing to euery Householder for his expenses in his house, for euery person thereof according to their qualitie, sufficient Corne for bread and drinke betweene this and the next Harueſt, and for their seede after the rate of the sowing of that Countrey vpon an Acre. And then they shall binde all such as shall appeare to haue more of any kinde of Graine, then shall serue to the vses aboue mentioned, aswell Iustices of the Peace as others, by Recognizance, in some good reasonable some of money, to obserue the orders ensuing, viz.

C Ye doe knowledge your selfe to owe vnto our Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maiestie, &c. the summe of &c.

The forme of the Recognizance to be freely taken.

THe condition thereof shalbe, that if ye shall well and truely without fraud, couine, or collusion, and without any maner deceite or craft fulfill, obserue and keepe, all and euery such orders, appointments and directions, as shall at this present bee by vs on her Maiesties behalfe prescribed and enioyned vnto you to be by you done and fulfilled: Then this Recognizance to be void, or els to stand in force.

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The orders to be obſerued,

are theſe, viz.

Orders to be obſerued by ſuch as ſhall be appointed to ſerue the Markets with Corne for the relieſe of the poore people firſt.

YOV ſhall bring, or cauſe to bee brought weekly ſo many quarters or buſhels of corne, as Wheat, Rye, Barley, Mault, Peazon, Beanes, or other Graine, or ſo much thereof as ſhall not bee directly ſold to the poore Artificers or day Labourers of the Parish within which you dwell, by order of the Iuſtices of the Peace of the Diuiſion within which you dwel, or two of them to the Market of there to be by you, or at your aſſignement ſolde vnto the Queenes ſubiects in open Market by halfe Quarters, two Buſhels, one Buſhell or leſſe, as the buyer ſhal require of you, and not in greater quantitie, except it be to a Badger or Carrier of Corne admitted according to the ſtatute, or to a common knowen Brewer or Baker, hauing teſtimonie vnder the hand and ſeale of ſuch two Iuſtices of the Peace at the leaſt of the diuiſion, or of a Maior or other head Officer of the City, Towne, or Borough corporate where hee dwelleth, that hee is common Brewer or Baker within the ſame: or to ſuch other perſon as ſhall make prouiſion for any Lord Spirituall or Temporall, Knight, or any other Gentleman that hath no prouiſion of Corne, ſo as the ſame perſon haue and ſhew vnto ſuch perſon as ſhall haue the ouerſight of the Market in that behalfe, teſtimonie vnder the hand and ſeale of the partie for whom hee commeth to the Market to make that prouiſion, declaring

To whome Corne ſhall be ſold after that the poore are ſerued.

claring that it is for the prouision of his house, and containing the quantities and kinde of Graine to bee prouided: And you shall not willingly leaue any part of your Corne so brought to that Market vnsolde, if money bee offered to you for the same, by any that are permitted to buy the same, after the vsuall price of the Market there that day, as long as the Market shal last.

No Corne brought to the Market vnsolde, to bee caried out of the towne.

Neither shal you from the beginning of the Market, to the full ende thereof, keepe or cause to be kept any of your said Corne out of the open sight of the Market: neither shall you carry away from the Market Towne any kinde of Graine that was brought thither which you haue not there solde, but shall leaue the same there in the Market Towne in some place knowen, so as it may be brought into the open Market the next Market day at the first opening of the Market, there to bee solde as afore was limitted. And yet neuertheless, you shall bring to the Market such other quantitie of Graine as shall be limitted, and so continue at euery Market day the bringing into the open Market, the quantitie of Corne that shall be limitted.

None to buy such kinde of Corne as they shall bring to sel, but by warrant vpon reasonable cause.

Also you shall not buy any maner of such Graine as we shal appoint you to sel, from this day forwardes, but vpon very especiall and necessarie cause to bee allowed by vs, vntill such time as all and euery such maner Graines as we at this time shall appoint you to sell, be according to our appointment and order by you solde. And if you shall not sowe so much this

yeere as the Jurie hath presented that yee intend to sowe, or if you nowe haue, or shall haue knowledge, or shall gesse hereafter at any time, either by threshing of the Mowe or Shocks or otherwise, that yee haue more store of any maner of Graine, then the Jurie hath presented vnto vs: that then ye shal forthwith vpon such knowledge thereof had, make true relation thereof vnto vs, or vnto two of vs both what portion of your seede Corne shalbe left vnsowen, or what further quantity you shall perceiue you haue, then was at the first presented.

That so soone as you perceiue you spend not after the rate of so much Corne as wee haue limitted vnto you for the finding of your house, yee shall make true report vnto vs or two of vs, how much lesse ye spend.

No corne to be bought for to sell againe.

Yee shall buy no Corne to sell it againe, neither shall you by any colour directly or indirectly, appoint any your seruants, or any other person to be a Badger of your Corn, other then to carry your Corne to the Market there to bee solde as your owne, without changing of any propertie.

No Corn to be bought but in open Market.

Yee shall neither buy nor sell any maner of corne, but in the open Market, vnlesse the same bee to some poore handicraftes men, or day labourers within the Parish wherein you doe dwell, that cannot conueniently come to the market Townes, by reason of distance of place, according to such direction as shalbe giuen vnto you in that behalfe by vs the Justices of the Peace of that Diuision, within which you doe dwell, or two of vs, and to none of these aboue

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one bushel at a time, and thereof you shal keepe or cause to be kept a particular note in writing to whom you shall so sell weekely, and at what prices, so as the same may appeare to the Justices to be done without fraud or abuse.

That the Justices of the Peace within their seuerall Diuisions haue speciall regard that Ingrossers of Corne be carefully seene vnto, and inquisitions to be made for knowledge of them, so as they may be seuerely punished according to the law: And where such are found, to make Certificates of their names and dwellings, and of the proofes to the Queenes Maiesties Atturney generall for the time being, who is directed speedily to informe against them for the same, and to see that none be permitted to buy any Corne to sell againe, but by speciall licence, and that of all maner of licences by Justices of the Peace or by any other authoritie, the parties that shall haue such licences, shal cause an entry to be made in the books of the Peace remaining with the Custos Rotulorum, or the Clerke of the Peace, for entrie wherof the party shal not pay aboue two pence, and thereof the Custos Rotulorum, or the Clerke shall keepe a good Register to be shewed to the Justices, whensoeuer they shall require the sight thereof.

Inquirie to be made against Engrossers.

An order for all licences from the Justices of the Peace, to bee kept in a record.

That they take order with the common Bakers for the baking of Rie, Barley, Pease, and Beanes for the vse of the poore, and that they appoint speciall and fit persons diligently to see the people well dealt withall by the common Bakers and Brewers in all Townes and pla-

Regard to the Bakers for keeping of the assise of bread.

ces in their weights and Assizes, hauing also regard, that the Deputies of the Clerke of the Market do not abuse themselues in vnlawfull exactions for weight and Measure, and effectually to inquire for and search out the default therein, and therupon to giue order for punishment of the offendor seuerely, according to the Law: and where any notable excessiue offence shalbe in the Bakers, to cause the bread to bee solde to ỹ poorer sort vnder the ordinary prices, as in part of punishment of the Baker.

Bread faultie in any excesse to be sold towards the releefe of the poore.

That no Badgers of corn, Bakers or Brewers buy any Graine, or commune or bargaine for the same, but in the time of open Markets, and that but by Licence vnder the hands of the Justices of the Diuision where they doe dwell, or three of them, and that they weekely bring their Licence with them to the Market where they do either buy or sel, or els not to be suffered to buy any: And that the Licence containe how much Graine, of what kinde, & for what place they are licenced to buy and cary, that there be set down vpon the Licence in writing, the day, place, quantitie, and price at which the Corne is bought, that they take but measurably for the cariage, baking, and brewing thereof, that they shewe their bookes weekely to such as the Justices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, shall appoint for that purpose being no Bakers or Badgers of Corne, and that those within euery xiiii. dayes make report to the Justices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, howe the people are dealt withall by the Badgers, Bakers, and Brewers, and that such as haue sufficient

No Badger to buy Corne but in open Market, and with sufficient licence in writing.

The Badgers to shew weekly their bookes of buying.

ficient to liue on, or that are knowen to bee of any common euill behauiur, bee not permitted to bee Badgers of Corne, of which sort commonly the report is that there are too many, and therefore the same would be remedied and foreseene: Also that no Badgers bee permitted but such as the Statute doeth limite, and that no seruant of any bee licenced to bee a Badger, except fiue of the Iustices at the least shall in open Sessions for some necessary cause allow any such, and that none at all be allowed a Badger, except he be allowed in open sessions, & not to be, as it is in many places, abused for gaine of the Clerke of the Peace, or a Iustices Clerke graunted without allowance of the rest of the Iustices in their open Sessions. And furthermore, that none be permitted to buy or prouide Corne in the Market in grosse, as a Badger or Baker, Brewer, or Purueyour and such like, vpon paine of imprisonment, vntill one houre or more after the full Market be begunne, that the poore may be first serued.

No Iustices seruant to be a Badger, nor none other, but such as shal be licensed in open Sessions.

No Badger, Baker, Brewer, or Purueyour to buy Graine, vntill an houre after the full Market beginne.

That the said Iustices, or two, or one of them at the least in euery Diuision, shall be personally present at euery market within their seuerall Diuisions, during the whole time of the Market, to see the orders to be taken by the authoritie hereof to be wel obserued, and the poore people prouided of necessary Corne, and that with as much fauour in the prices, as by their earnest perswasion of the Iustices can be obtained. By this it is not meant to charge any Lorde of Parliament being a Iustice of Peace, to attende vpon any such seruice in any Market, other-

Some Iustices to be present in the Market, to see the poore relieued vpon reasonable prices.

otherwise then it shall be with his owne good will: but in all other causes tending to the execution of these orders, it is hoped that euery person of any estate, will readily giue aduise and assistance.

Where Iustices are wanting in any Hundred, for to appoint some rich persons to supply the want.

If there shall be any Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake within the sayd Countie, within the which or nere thereunto no sufficient number of the sayd Iustices of the Peace do dwell or inhabit, the sayd Shirife and foure Iustices of the Peace of that Countie, shall in that case appoynt some other honest Gentleman, or the high Constables vnder Constables, or such other, graue, honest, and substantiall persons, not being Corne masters, dwelling within the said Hundred, Rape or Wapentake, as they shal by their discretions thinke conuenient, to haue the charge, doing the execution of these orders there: whom they shal also instruct how to execute the same diligently and vprightly.

That ministers and preachers exhort the richer sort to be liberall to helpe the poore with money or victual needful.

That all good meanes and perswasions be vsed by the Iustices in their seuerall diuisions, and by admonitions and exhortations in Sermons in the Churches, by the Preachers and Ministers of the Word, that the poore may be serued of Corne at conuenient and charitable prices. And to the furtherance thereof, that the richer sort be earnestly mooued by Christian charitie, to cause their Graine to be solde vnder the common prices of the Market to the poorer sort: A deed of mercy, that will doubtlesse be rewarded of Almightie God.

That there be no buying or bargeining of any kinde of Corne but in open Market, and that

that the Iustices in their seuerall Diuisions, restraine common Maulsters of making Barlie Mault, in those countreyes and places where there be Oates sufficient to make Mault of for the vse of the people, and to restraine as well the brewing of Barley Mault, by or for Alehouses or common Tiplers in those Countreis and places, as also the excesse vse of any kinde of Mault, by al common Brewers, Maulsters, and common Tiplers, according to the true meaning of this Article: And that the vnnecessary number of Alehouses and common Tiplers be forthwith suppressed in all places, and that direction bee giuen to all Tipling houses, Tauernes and Alehouses, not to suffer any persons to repaire thither to eate and drinke at vnseasonable times, or to continue in such houses longer, then to satisfie their necessitie of eating and drinking.

To make Mault of otes in countreys where there hath bene vse thereof.

That the Iustices vse al other good meanes possible that are not mentioned in these orders, that the Markets may be well serued, and the poore relieued in their prouisions during this time of dearth. And that no expense of any Graine meet for bread to feede men, be wasted vpon feeding of dogges or other beastes, neyther that any bee spent in making stuffe called Starche, as of late there hath bene discouered great quantity expended in that vaine matter, being in no sort to be suffered to continue, the rather also for that there are other things not hurtfull to the foode of man, that may serue for such purposes, if such purposes at least were requisite.

No wast of bread Corne superfluously, nor any expense therof but for feeding of people.

None suffered to make Starch of any Graine.

That

Able poore people to be set to worke.

That the Iustices be straightly commanded to see by all good meanes, that the able people bee set on worke in houses of Correction prouided and furnished, and there idle vagabounds to be punished.

Stockes of money for prouision of workes for poore people.

That the Iustices doe their best to haue conuenient stockes of money or wares, to be prouided in euery Diuision, or other places according to the Statute, for setting the poore on worke, and the Iustices to vse all other good and politique meanes within their seueral Diuisions, to continue and maintaine the poore people in worke within the Parish, or at the furthest within the Hundred, or Diuision, and namely in clothing Countreyes to charge the Clothiers, that haue in former times gayned by that trade, not now in this time of dearth to leaue off his trade, whereby the poore may be set on worke.

Clothiers to continue their worke-folkes.

Souldiers hurt, and impotent people, to be relieued in their dwelling places.

That the maimed and hurt Souldiour, and all other impotent persons, bee carefully seene vnto to bee relieued within their seuerall Parishes, Hundreds or Diuisions, according to the Lawe therein prouided: and that where the prouisions formerly made, and assessed vpon the housholders in euery Parish bee not sufficient, it may bee nowe for this time of dearth charitably encreased. And where any Parish is not able to giue sufficient relief to such their poore, that Parish to haue the supply of such other parishes neere adioyning, as haue fewer poore, and are better able to giue relefe. And no vagabonde or sturdie begger, or any that may otherwise get their liuing by their labours, bee

suffered

suffered to wander abroad vnder colour of begging in any Towne, fielde or high way, and that the Justices doe presently giue order that there be able persons appointed, and sufficiently weaponed, to assist the Constables of euery Towne to attache such vagabondes, both in their Townes, Fieldes and high wayes, and to commit them to prison without bayle of any such, but as two of the Justices of the Peace within that Diuision shall order. And if any Townеship shall not obserue this order, for the attaching & punishing of the said vagabondes, then the Justices shall set due punishment by fine vpon the whole Townеship, or vpon such parties in the Towne, as shall be found in fault.

That no Millers be suffered to be common buyers of Corne, nor to sell meale, but to attend to the true grinding of the corne brought, and to vse measurable tolle these deere seasons.

Where in some partes of the Realme, diuers Millers, who ought only to serue for grinding of Corne that shall be brought to their milles, haue begunne lately a very corrupt trade, to be common byers of Corne, both in markets, and out of markets, and the same doe grinde into meale, and doe vse as Badgers, or otherwise to sell the same at markets and in other places, seeking therby an inordinate gaine, besides the misusing of other mens Corne brought thither to bee ground, by delay of grinding, or ẏ worse is, by changing and altering of their good Corn to the worse: It is thought very necessary, that the Justices of the Peace who are not owners by any title of any Milles, nor masters or landlords to any Millers, shall first inhibite al Millers vpon paine both of imprisonment and fine, to vse any such trade of buying of any graine to

be ſolde either in Corne or meale, but to charge them to continue the orderly vſe of grinding of all maner of Corne that ſhalbe brought to them, in reaſonable good ſort, and vpon reaſonable Tolle. And for better performance hereof ſome of the Juſtices not affectionated to the Millers, ſhall ſome time perſonally themſelues reſort to the milles to ouerſee the doings of the ſaid Millers, and compell them to doe their dueties. And where none of the Juſtices can as need ſhall be, weekely looke thereto perſonally, they ſhall appoint certaine honeſt perſons weekely to attend therto, and to enforme themſelues of the poorer ſort, how they are vſed in this time of dearth, for their grinding and their Toll, and preſent the defaults to the Juſtices, to be ſpeedily reformed with all due ſeueritie.

Conferences to be had betwixt the Juſtices of Peace in the Shires, and the principall officers of Cities and townes corporate for proviſions of Graine, for the inhabitants in Cities and corporate Townes.

Item, where there are within the circuite of any Shire, or thereto adioyning any Cities that are incorporated as Townes within themſelues, or any other Townes incorporate, that haue by good authoritie Juſtices of Peace of their owne inhabitants, for that commonly ſuch Cities and Townes haue their greateſt number of houſholders that are no owners of graine, but haue common Bakers, & Brewers, muſt of neceſſitie buy & prouide their Corne or Meale at the Markets neere thereto, to ſerue all other the inhabitants and reſiants within the ſaid Cities and Townes: for the prouiſion of all ſuch Cities & Townes, it ſhalbe neceſſary that the Juſtices of the Peace of the Shires next to the ſame Cities and Townes ſhall haue a meeting and conference with the head Officers of the ſayd Cities and Townes, howe and

in what good manner the Bakers and Brewers, and other housholders that shall also haue neede to prouide Corne or Meale for the necessarie vse of the priuate housholdes, may be prouided at the Markets neere to the same. And after due conference had hereof, there shall bee by the Justices of Peace, and the foresaide head Officers some good orders set downe, such as both may serue for the needefull vse of the same Townes and Cities, and also may not by abuse giue cause of railing of prices in the Markets & Countries adioyning. And where there shall be adioyning to the same Cities & Townes, or not farre distant, diuers Shires, (as in many places such is the situation of them) there some of the Justices of euery Shire so adioyning, or not farre distant, shall vse such conference and take such orders with the saide Officers, as afore is mentioned. And in such cases the Justices of euery such Shire shalbe enformed mutually from the one Shire vnto the other, of the needefull prouisions to bee made from time to time for the saide Cities and Townes, so as euery Shire may proportionably yeelde reasonable succour and relefe out of their Markets to the Purueyors or to the Bakers, & Brewers as shall be requisite without burthening of the one, more then the other may reasonably beare. And if neede shall require, the aforesaide principall Officers shall not refuse to acquaint the Justices, from whence the prouision shall bee bought and prouided, howe such prouisions so had and bought in Markets are spent, that by colour of such prouisions no abuse be commit-

ted to encreaſe the prices, and ſo to leaue the poore vnable to be relieued.

Order for places exempted from the Iuriſdiction of the Iuſtices of peace in the bodyes of the Shires.

If there bee any ſpeciall part within any Shire, that hath as a libertie by ſpeciall Commiſſions any Iuſtices of the Peace within the ſame, the Shirife of the Shire ſhall ſend vnto the principall owner or Officer of ſuch Libertie, notice of theſe orders, and ſhall charge them that the Iuſtices of the Peace within ſuch Libertie doe their dueties for execution of al theſe orders, as farre foorth as ſhall be requiſite, and therein alſo to vſe by conference the aduiſe of ſome other Iuſtices next adioyning.

Regard to ſtay all tranſportation of Grayne out of the realme.

That in all Counties maritimme where Ports or Creeks are, by which any Corne may be carried out of the Realme, though alſo there are Commiſſioners appointed vnder the great Seale of England, to take care that no Corne be ſhipped or laden in any veſſell to paſſe out of the Realme: Yet neuertheleſſe, the Iuſtices of the Peace that are not placed in that Commiſſion, if they be no owners of Corne to ſell, ſhall alſo vſe their diligence to ſtay ſuch lading of Corne, either in Ports or Creekes, or vpon any Riuers leading to the ſame. And if the foreſaide Cõmiſſioners ſhall not do their dueties therein by authoritie of their commiſſion, then any other Iuſtice by authoritie of theſe orders ſhall make ſtay of all ſuch tranſportation, and in his ſo doing, ſhalbe allowed and maintained. And this is thought meet to be in this ſort directed, for that it may be doubted, that amongeſt ſo many as are appointed in the foreſaid Commiſſion againſt tranſportation, ſome may bee miſtaken,

mistaken, being themselues either transpor-ters, or friends or fauourers to transporters, or negligent in the execution of the charge committed to them.

That the Justices of the Peace doe once euery moneth certifie their doings and proceedings by force of these instructions vnto the Sheriffe of the sayde Countie, in which certificate they shall also make certificate of such Justices as shall be absent from any of these seruices, and the true cause of their absence, and shal also certifie the vsuall prices of all kindes of Graine in their markets for that moneth past: Of all which the same Sheriffe shall certifie to the Priuie counsell without any delay, so as he doe certifie once in euery fourtie dayes at the furthest, and so as also the default in any Justice that shalbe absent without necessary cause, may be duely considered, and reformed by authoritie of her Maiesties Counsell, as reason shall require: whereby such persons as are placed as Justices for their credite, may not continue in those roomes wherein they shall bee founde not disposed to attende such necessary and godly seruices as this is, but that others of better disposition may supply those roomes, if there shall bee neede of any such number, as in most places it is thought not very needefull, the number of late yeeres beeing in common opinion more hurtfull then profitable to Justice.

Certificate to be made of the Execution of these Orders monethly to the Sheriffe, and he to certifie the same to the priuie Counsell within euery fourty dayes.

To certifie what Justices be absent from the seruice, that such as without reasonable excuse shall not attend, may be displaced, and their roumes, if there be neede, supplied.

And if any shall offend against the true meaning of these instructions, or of any part thereof, or shall vse any sinister meane to the defrau-

ding thereof, that such be seuerely punished according to the Lawes: and for such obstinate persons as shall not conforme themselues, the Justices shall at their pleasure binde them to appeare before the Queenes Maiesties priuie Counsell by a day certaine, there to be further dealt with by seuere punishment, for the better ensample of all others.

Articles annexed to the former *Orders, to be executed by the Justices of Peace, in places where they shall thinke conuenient.* 1594.

FIrst, to take viewe of the number of Ale-houses, victailing houses, and tipling houses in euery Towne, Parish, Village, and Hamlet within their Jurisdictions: and vpon view had, to consider what number of them are necessary and fitte for euery Towne, Parish, Village, and Hamlet to continue: And thereupon to discharge the superfluous number, and such as are vnmeete to keepe the same, and to allowe a conuenient number, and no more.

2. They which shall be allowed, to be of honest conuersation, & that haue no other meanes to liue by, and to giue newe bandes to her Maiesties

festies vse, to performe the orders following, and such of them as refuse to bee bound, not to be permitted to continue to keep any Alehouse, Victualling, or Tipling house.

3. To take strait order with the Brewers, that they serue no Beere, or Ale to any Alehouse-keeper, Victualler, or Tipler, but at such Rate, and price, as by the Justices of Peace shalbe set downe, and appointed by authoritie of the statute of 23. H. 8. Cap. 4. And yet the same to bee well sodden, and well brewed of wholesome Graine, as it ought to be, vpon paine, &c. to be imposed by the Justices.

4. That no Victailers, Tipiers, and Alehouse-keepers haue in their houses, or doe permit to be brought into their houses any Cards, Dice, or Tables, nor to suffer any to play in their houses, yardes, or backsides at any Cards, Tables, Dice, or other vnlawfull games.

5. That no Victailer, Tipler, or Ale-housekeeper shall dresse, or suffer to be dressed and eaten within his house, any flesh vpon any forbidden day, sauing for himselfe and his seruaunts, in cases of necessitie, according to the Statute in that behalfe prouided, and this to be parcell of the Condition of their Bond.

6. That no Victailer, Tipler, or Ale-housekeeper shall permit, & suffer any person, or persons to lodge in his house aboue a day & a night, but such as he wil answer for, as the Statutes yet in force doe require.

7. To giue straight order and charge to euery Constable, or other superiour Officer, to whom it may appertaine, that euery of them

shall

shall euery fiftéene dayes search, and enquire of the said & other like disorders, as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, they are commanded and required. And if it shall seeme to the Justices, that the petie Constable be either a Victailer, or one that shall fauour the Victailers in their faultes, some other meeter person to be appointed to make the sayde Inquisition and Certificate.

8 That Inquisition bee made in what places Mault is commonly made to bee solde, by such as are called Maulters, and who they be, and to take order, that by buying and Engrossing of barley to make Mault, they do not thereby store vp greater quantitie of Mault, then they vsually bring to Markets, thereby towards the end of the yeere to encrease the price thereof excessiuely, of which abuse the Justices are to take care to reforme the same.

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